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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8868

C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 4043

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TECH, SF

SUBJ: LETTER TO DR. A.J.A. ROUX

REF: STATE 218274

1. EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO (RPT NO) OBJECTION TO TRANSMITTAL PROPOSED LETTER BY DR. TAPE TO DR. ROUX. LETTER IS LOGICAL FOLLOW-UP TO DISCUSSIONS DESCRIBED VIENNA 8218 AND PROPOSAL PROBABLY BEST PUT INFORMALLY. WILL APPRECIATE ADVICE WHEN AND THROUGH WHAT CHANNEL LETTER TRANSMITTED. IN THIS CONNECTION, SHOULD NOTE THAT INFORMATION AS TO SUCH EXCHANGES AND DEVELOPMENTS IMPORTANT TO CREDIBILITY AND USEFULNESS EMBOFFS' CONTACTS WITH ROUX AND OTHER ATOMIC ENERGY OFFICIALS HERE.

2. THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE OF REVIVED AND EXPANDED EXAMINATION OF THE NPT BY SAG OFFICIALS. DR. TELLER, DURING HIS RECENT VISITS TO SA, MADE POINT TO BOTH MIN MINES AND SECRETARY FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AS WELL AS TO ROUX, THAT NPT ADHERENCE ESSENTIAL TO SOME OF INTERESTS THEY EXPRESSED (REPORTED RECENT SEPARATE MESSAGES).

3. ATTENTION IS INVITED TO FONMIN MULLER'S SPEECH TO UNGA ON OCTOBER 3, 1973 IN WHICH HE STRESSED PEACEFUL INTENTIONS OF SA ATOMIC ENERGY PROGRAM AND SAID "TO THIS END, THE SAG PROPOSES TO NEGOTIATE, AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, AN AGREEMENT WITH THE IAEA FOR THE APPLICATION OF SAFEGUARDS TO THE ENRICHED URANIUM PRODUCED BY THE PROJECT SO AS TO ENSURE THAT THE PRODUCT IS USED SOLELY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES." THE EMPHASIS ON "PRODUCT"

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APPEARS DESIGNED TO RESERVE SAG POSITIONS WITH RESPECT TO

INSPECTION OF ITS ENRICHMENT PLANTS AS SUCH - EITHER THE PILOT PLANT NEARING COMPLETION OR A LARGER ONE ANNOUNCED.

4. PRESERVING SECRECY OF ITS ENRICHMENT PROCESS IS ONLY REMAINING SPECIFIC OBJECTION TO NPT ADHERENCE EXPRESSED BY SAG OFFICIALS. THUS TECHNICAL REVIEW PROPOSED IS UNDOUBTEDLY ESSENTIAL STEP TO ANY FURTHER MOVEMENT ON NPT. THIS DOES NOT RULE OUT, HOWEVER, THAT HERETOFORE DORMANT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS MAY SURFACE AS TECHNICAL OBJECTIONS FALL AWAY OR ARE EXPLAINED AWAY. FOR EXAMPLE, SAG ASSUMPTION THAT THERE WOULD BE UNFRIENDLY BIAS IN ANY INTERNATIONALLY-CONTROLLED INSPECTION OR ACTIVITY IN SOUTH AFRICA HAS BEEN MENTIONED BY BOTH ROUX AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIALS BUT HAS NOT BEEN PRESSED AS A KEY FACTOR. ASIDE FROM THIS AND SIMILAR CONSIDERATIONS, EMBASSY INTUITIVE IMPRESSION OF SUBJECT IS THAT SAG WILL SEEK TO PICK OWN TIME AND SITUATION FOR POSSIBLE ULTIMATE ADHERENCE TO NPT.
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